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- Q: What is the present position of the AMFD?
- The same as it always has been; the ANFO is seeking the necessary collaboration to drive the Franco regime from Spain. With this objective in view. the ANFD is in close contact with the Monarchists. Although matters are most unsettled at this moment, it is expected that within the very near future practical steps will be taken. The ANFD and the Monarchists are working to remove all obstacles to the establishment of a provisional government.

At this time, the ANFD is composed of the Socialists, the Republicans, the Censtistas and the Communists, although the participation of the Communists in the organization is more symbolical than real. The presidency of the ANFO is held by the Republican representative to it.

- What is the viewpoint of the Monarchists with regard to the constitution of this government?
- A: The Monarchist viewpoint is that of England. The Monarchists stipulate that the provisional government include representatives of the Monarchist Party, the Socialist Farty, the Republican Party and the CNT and that the Communists be excluded.
- Q: What is the position of the ANFD with respect to the Communist Party?
- We are entering a new phase of concrete and practical developments. The Communists wish to have nothing to do with collaboration with the Honarchists. However, a realistic view of the situation must be taken in order that future developments may be practical; the Communists will be formally invited to give their consent to collaboration with the Monarchists. If they refuse,

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they will be excluded immediately from the ANFD, although this step would be taken with regret.

- Q: If the Communists support with good grace collaboration with the Monarchists in the provisional government, will England and the Monarchists permit collaboration with the Communists?
- A: We believe that, given the interest which the Monarchists and personalities of the British Embassy have clearly shown in reaching a solution as soon as possible to the existing situation, they will agree to the participation of the Communist Party in the provisional government. If they do not, there will be no recourse except to leave out the Communists. However, this eventuality is not probable.
- Q: Does the ANFD maintain relations with the Monarchist group which, in agreement with Franco, is said to be trying to establish the Monarchy in Spain as a direct continuation of the Franco Government?
- A: It does not. There are two groups of Monarchists. One is the obstructionist Monarchist group of Antonio Goicoechea, which in accord with Franco wants the Monarchy to be restored immediately. The ANFD has made no alliance with these persons, nor has it had any negotiations with them.

The purpose of Goicoechea's recent trip to Lisbon was to propose to Don Juan in the name of Franco the resumption of conversations on the transfer of power from Franco to the Pretender. Don Juan did not receive Goicoechea.

The ANFD maintains relations with the Monarchists of the new school, who want nothing to do with Franco. The ANFD is in contact with the military men who, in accord with Don Juan's position, see as the only solution to the situation the establishment of a provisional government which would hold a plebiscite to determine what type the permanent regime for Spain is to be.

- Q: Who are the generals who side with Goicochea and Franco?
- A: They are few. One, we know for certain, is General Moscardo. Munoz Grandes has not made his position clear. It is not known definitely whether he will incline toward Franco and Goicoechea or toward the men of the new Monarchist school. The same can be said of Generals Yague and Ungria as is said of Munoz Grandes.
- Q: Who are the other military men?
- A: They are Varela, Aranda, Asensio, Solchage, Ponte Manso de Zuniga, Beigbeder, Kindelan, Tella y Cantos and most of the other generals.
- Q: Is it true that Beigbeder has been in Lisbon talking with Don Juan?
- A: It is true. I do not know whether or not he has returned. If he has not, he must be on the point of leaving. In Lisbon, he probably talked with the Pretender and with the Infante Don Alfonso, who is in charge of interviewing military men in favor of Don Juan's cause.
- Q: Does the ANFD believe that the CNT is acting in good faith? It was said that before Goicochea left for Lisbon he interviewed CNT delegates.
- A: Up to the present time, the CNT has given proof of good faith. The



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organization last demonstrated its attitude when Santa Maria exceeded his authority in Paris and in Lisbon as delegate of the ANFD. Even before the ANFD repudiated Santa Maria, the CNT did so, removing him as its delegate to the ANFD and naming a new representative to replace him. When Santa Maria gave his report to the ANFD, it was decided that his actions had been by no means in accord with his instructions. He exceeded his authority not only in Lisbon but also in Paris, in talking to persons that he should not have talked to, while he did not interview Martinez Barrio, the person he should have contacted before he saw anyone else.

It is possible that the CNT maintains contact with the Monarchists and with the military men through its own liaison agents, that is, outside the ANFD, but if it does, these contacts only supply information. Furthermore, if the CNT should wander from the paths described for it by its agreement with the ANFD, the Republicans who belong to the coalition, by a fortunate series of circumstances, have means of controlling the steps taken by the CNT. At this time, the CNT presents no threat to the progress of the ANFD's efforts toward forming a provisional government. It is conceivable that the CNT might represent a danger to the cause of the Republic under the provisional government, specifically, when the plebiscite is held, since it is well within the realm of possibility that a large group in the CNT might abstain from voting. The lack of these votes, which should be for the Republic, would work to the advantage of the Ronarchy.

However, in so far as the present moment is concerned, the CNT has consented to be represented in the provisional government. The CNT representative will be a minister without portfolio.

